

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the originally numbered claim 152 without prejudice, and enter the following newly renumbered amended claims 150-152 and 154-170 (previously numbered 149-151 and 153-169, respectively).

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1 150. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
2 a first substrate and a second substrate for sandwiching a liquid crystal having
3 a negative dielectric constant anisotropy; and
4 first and second domain regulating means for regulating azimuths of
5 orientations of said liquid crystal when a voltage is applied to said liquid crystal,
6 wherein when vertically seen to the substrates, said first and second domain
7 regulating means are arranged on said substrates so that said first domain regulating means
8 substantially surrounds said second domain regulating means in the display areas of the
9 pixels, and
10 wherein said first and second domain regulating means consist of protrusions
11 provided on said substrates or slits provided at electrodes on said substrates.

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151. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150,
2 wherein when vertically seen to the substrates, outer edges of said first domain regulating
3 means substantially form closed curves.

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1 152. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150,
2 wherein plural areas surrounded by said first domain regulating means are formed in each
3 pixel.

1 154. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 153
2 wherein said first domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said first
3 substrate, and said second domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said
4 second substrate.

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1 155. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 153,
2 wherein said first domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said first and
3 second substrate, and said second domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided
4 on said second substrate.

1 156. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 153,
2 wherein said first domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said first substrate,
3 and said second domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said second substrate.

1 157. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 153,
2 wherein said first domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said first and second
3 substrates, and said second domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said second
4 substrate.

1 158. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 153,
2 wherein said first domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said first
3 substrate, and said second domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said second
4 substrate.

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1 159. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 153,
2 wherein said first domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said first
3 substrate and slits provided on said second substrate, and said second domain regulating
4 means consists of slits provided on said second substrates.

1 160. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 153,
2 wherein said first domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said first substrate,
3 and said second domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said second
4 substrate.

1 *pr* 161. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 153,
2 *concl.* wherein said first domain regulating means if consisted of slits provided on said first
3 substrate and protrusions provided on said second substrate, and said second domain
4 regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said second substrate.

1 162. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150,
2 wherein four domains in which orientations of said liquid crystal are substantially different
3 are formed in an area surrounded by said first domain regulating means when a voltage is
4 applied to said liquid crystal.

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1 163. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising a first substrate
2 and a second substrate for sandwiching a liquid crystal having a negative dielectric constant
3 anisotropy,

4 wherein said first substrate includes thin film transistors and domain regulating
5 means, and

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6 wherein said ~~domain~~ regulating means is a protrusion-like structure on said first
7 substrate, and said protrusion-like structure is formed of a member that is the same as at least
8 one member constituting said thin film transistors.

1 164. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 163,
2 wherein said domain regulating means includes a first conductive layer of a material that is
3 the same as that of a gate electrode of said thin film transistor, a first insulating layer of a
4 material that is the same as that of a gate insulating layer of said thin film transistor and
5 which covers said first conductive layer, a second conductive layer of a material that is the
6 same as that of source/drain electrode of said thin film transistor and which is on said first
7 insulating layer, and a second insulating layer of a material that is the same as that of a
8 protection insulating layer of said thin film transistor and which covers said second
9 conductive layer.

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1 165. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 164,
2 wherein pixel electrodes connected to said thin film transistor are provided on said first
3 substrate, and said domain regulating means is provided in areas having no pixel electrode
4 on said first substrate.

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1 166. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 164,
2 wherein said domain regulating means is arranged at slits provided on said pixel electrodes.

1 167. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising a first substrate
2 and a second substrate for sandwiching a liquid crystal having a negative dielectric constant
3 anisotropy,

4 wherein said first substrate includes thin film transistors, domain regulating
5 means and pixel electrodes connected to said thin film transistor, and

6 wherein said domain regulating means is a protrusion-like structure and is
7 provided at areas where conductive members corresponding to said pixel electrodes are not
8 provided.

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1 168. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 167,
2 wherein said domain regulating means is arranged at slits provided on said pixel electrodes.

1 169. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 168,
2 wherein said domain regulating means is formed of a member that is the same as at least one
3 member constituting said thin film transistors.

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1 170. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 169,
2 wherein said domain regulating means includes a first conductive layer of a material that is
3 the same as that of a gate electrode of said thin film transistor, a first insulating layer of a
4 material that is the same as that of a gate insulating layer of said thin film transistor and